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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

<b>REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL</b>	Attorney Docket No.	1538.1005	
	Application Number	09/732,874	
	Filing Date	December 11, 2000	
	First Named Inventor	Hidekazu ARAO	
	Group Art Unit	2126	
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	120.00	Examiner Name	Lechi Truong

**FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)**

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	10	- 20 =	0	X \$ 50.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	- 6 =	0	X \$ 200.00 =	0.00

Since an Official Action set an original due date of November 13, 2004, petition is hereby made for a one month extension of time to December 13, 2004 to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$120)); (2 months (\$450)); (3 months (\$1,020)); (4 months (\$1,590)); (5 months (\$2,160):

\$120.00

If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$500.00)

If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$130.00)

Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)

Total of above Calculations =

\$ 120.00

Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)

**TOTAL FEES DUE =**

\$ 120.00

(1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0".

(2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".

(4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".

(5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3".

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- ☒ Check enclosed as payment.
- ☐ Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below.
- ☐ No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically required to obtain a filing date).

**GENERAL AUTHORIZATION**

- ☒ If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to:

Deposit Account No.

19-3935

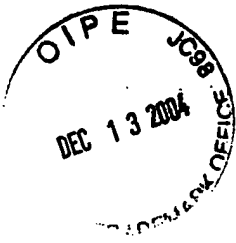
Deposit Account Name

STAAS & HALSEY LLP

- ☒ The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

Typed Name	Darleen J. Stockley	Reg. No.	34,257
Signature	<i>Darleen J. Stockley</i>	Date	December 13, 2004



Docket No. 1538.1005

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Hidekazu ARAO

Serial No. 09/732,874

Group Art Unit: 2126

Confirmation No. 2172

Filed: December 11, 2000

Examiner: Lechi Truong

For: MESSAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2004, having a shortened period for response set to expire on November 13, 2004. A petition and fee for a one-month Extension of Time is enclosed, thereby extending the response period to December 13, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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